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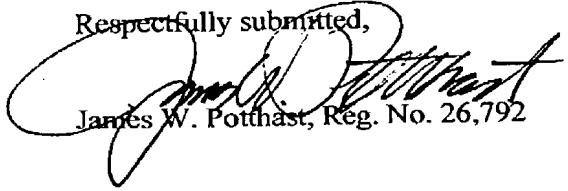
In response to the restriction requirement of February 4, 2004, applicant respectfully elects without prejudice and with traverse, the claims of Group 1: Claims 1-28 and 57-63.

The restriction requirement is inappropriate because of the virtual use of the same language and same limitations in the apparatus and method claims. In such claims having the same limitations, one cannot practice the apparatus without also practicing the method and vice versa. This should be self-evident from a reading of the claims, and assertions that such claims can be practiced independently is without logic or merit. Accordingly, with respect to such claims having substantially the same language, it is irrelevant they may be classified differently with respect to such claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore

respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

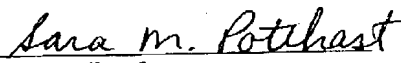

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